



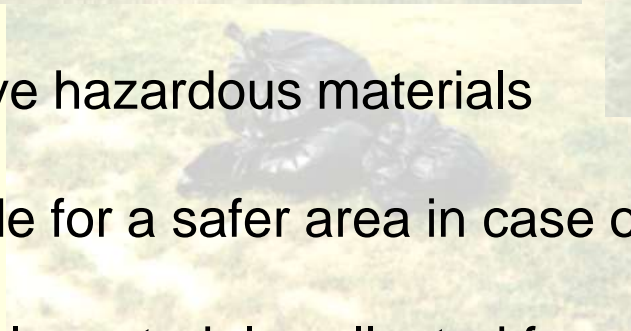
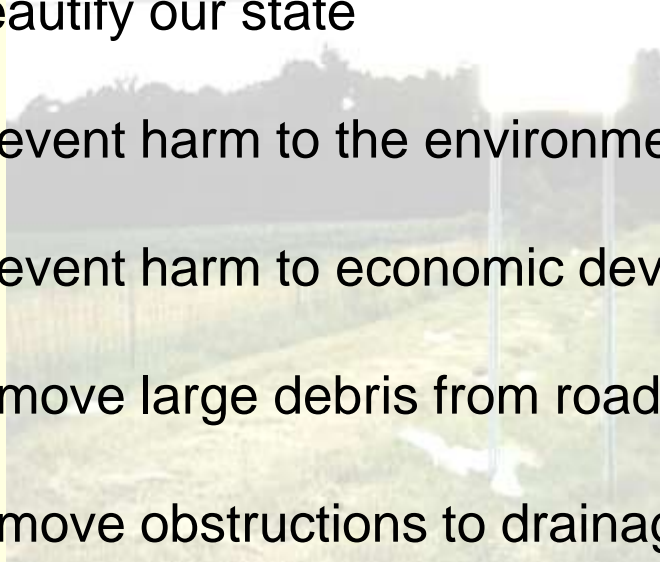
Indiana Department of Transportation's Adopt-A- Highway Program

WHY WORRY ABOUT TRASH??

- **Highway Litter Costs Hoosiers!**
 - TAX DOLLARS TO CLEANUP HIGHWAY
 - DETRACTS FROM THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF OUR STATE
 - HARMS, HUMANS, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND FISH
 - HURTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT

Why we need to collect trash from Indiana's highways?


- To beautify our state
- To prevent harm to the environment
- To prevent harm to economic development
- To remove large debris from roadways
- To remove obstructions to drainage
- To remove hazardous materials
- To provide for a safer area in case of an emergency
- Recyclable materials collected from the roadside can be recycled for profit



Who collects the trash on Indiana's highways?

- Indiana Department of Transportation employees
- Department of Correction laborers
- Adopt-A-Highway program members



A photograph of a grassy field with a stop sign in the background and white plastic bags of litter in the foreground. The text is overlaid in the center.

**LITTER ACTS LIKE A MAGNET.
PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY
TO LITTER IN AN AREA THAT
ALREADY HAS LITTER!**

What is highway trash composed of?

- 59% paper
- 16% cans
- 6% bottles
- 6% plastic
- 13% miscellaneous
(HAZARDOUS???)



How long does trash remain in our environment?

- Paper—weeks or months
- Tin or steel—100 years
- Plastic—450 years
- Nylon rope—450 years
- Aluminum—500 years
- Glass—undeterminable
- Styrofoam—not biodegradable!

Did you know that 25 billion styrofoam cups are thrown away each year in the US?!?!?

8 Main Sources of Litter

- Motorists
- Pedestrians
- Uncovered Trucks
- Improperly contained household litter
- Improper commercial bins
- Improperly contained construction litter
- Improperly handled loading dock litter
- Boaters

Adopt-A-Highway

- The first Adopt-A-Highway program was developed in Texas in 1985.
- Forty-eight states now have Adopt-A-Highway programs, which involve 1.5 million volunteers.
- More than 1,000 groups are already making this program a success in Indiana.
- Groups are asked to clean their area of roadside four times a year, including once in early spring and once in late fall.
- The Adopt-A-Highway coordinator in the Sub District supplies safety training, safety vests, work signs, and trash bags during the pick ups.
- In addition to blue signs erected with the groups' names, individuals can gain a sense of accomplishment by improving their community.

Volunteering through the Adopt-A-Highway Program is a tremendous help to State employees!



The annual cost for roadside trash control nationwide is \$115 million!

With your help, we not only save money, we also save manpower which can be used to do more productive work.

How Adopt-A-Highway Saves Manpower

- On the average, it takes one group 2 hours to clean up their adopted stretch of road.
- With 12 groups participating, it took approximately 24 hours to collect about 420 bags of trash.
- The 24 hours put in by the volunteers equals a full day's work for a crew of 4 INDOT employees.

What else could be accomplished by an INDOT crew in a day?

- Shovel up to 6 tons of patching in a day!
- Put up to 20 tons of stone along an unpaved shoulder!
- Clean out drains and cross pipes!
- Blade and reshape a stone shoulder for up to 17 miles!
- Mow up to 50 swath miles of roadside vegetation!
- Clean 6 to 10 bridge decks to remove an accumulation of salt and sand!

INDOT Trash Bash

- **Trash Bash was started in 1997 as an effort to clean up interstates, the toll road, US routes, and state routes across Indiana. The efforts are coordinated individually in each of INDOT's seven district and 34 subdistricts.**
- **Each year INDOT employees, Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, and Department of Correction crews pick up more than 250,000 tons of trash.**

Trash Bash 2007

Sub District	Centerline Miles	Participating A-A-H Groups	Total Bags		
			INDOT	AAH	DOC
Albany	187.60	5	1,222	170	0
Centerville	41	3	1,771	92	499
Greenfield	83	4	684	115	710
Indianapolis	118.60	0	1,452	0	991
Tipton	282	9	543	34	313
Totals:	712.20	21	5,672	411	2,513

Total Bags of Trash Collected :

8,596

2007 Adopt-A-Highway Groups

- **Tipton:** Northwestern Lions Club
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Cicero Fire Department
Noblesville Midday Rotary Club
West Street Christian Church
Cargill
Tipton Kiwanis Club
Dean Barringer Insurance Agency
Noblesville Daily Times

- **Albany:** Ball State University Storm Chase Team
Delaware Kiwanis Club of Muncie
Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department
4-H Junior Leaders of Jay County
USS Endeavor

2007 Adopt-A-Highway Groups

- **Greenfield:** Kiwanis Club of Greenfield
Charlottesville Lions Club
Indiana Soldiers & Sailors Children's Home Army Jr. ROTC
Ovid Masonic Lodge

- **Centerville:** Economy Lions Club
Kiwanis Club of Connersville
Phi Chapter/Phi Epsilon Sorority
Sons of the American Legion

What can I do?

- Set an example for others, especially children, by not littering.
- Carry a litter bag in your car.
- Make sure trash cans have lids that can be securely fastened. If you have curbside trash collection, don't put loose trash in boxes or untied bags.
- Tie papers in a bundle before placing them in a curbside recycling bin.
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris to your local transportation, public works, or conservation office, and ask that the material be removed.
- If you or a member of your family is involved in a civic group, scouting or recreational sports program, encourage the group to "Adopt a Highway" and maintain it on a regular basis. Call 765-675-7401 for details.

How can my service group join Adopt -A-Highway?

It's easy! Call and talk to the Adopt-A-Highway program coordinator at the INDOT in your Sub District. An Adopt-A-Highway information packet including an agreement and waivers will be sent to you. All that you have to do is fill it out, and then you can begin collection as agreed upon with the coordinator.

When Picking Up Roadside

- Be aware of the hazards that are around you
- Learn what to look for what can be hazardous
- Set up signs on both ends of where you are working
- Pickup on only one side of the road at a time
- Use the leap frog method
- Contain the trash

Be Aware of the Dangers Around You

- Traffic
- Insects
- Snakes
- Terrain
- Trash
- Hazardous Materials

NEVER PICK UP ANYTHING THAT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!

**LEARN WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE WAY OF
HAZARDS TO YOU, YOUR FELLOW GROUP
MEMBERS, AND THE PUBLIC**



Methamphetamine Labs



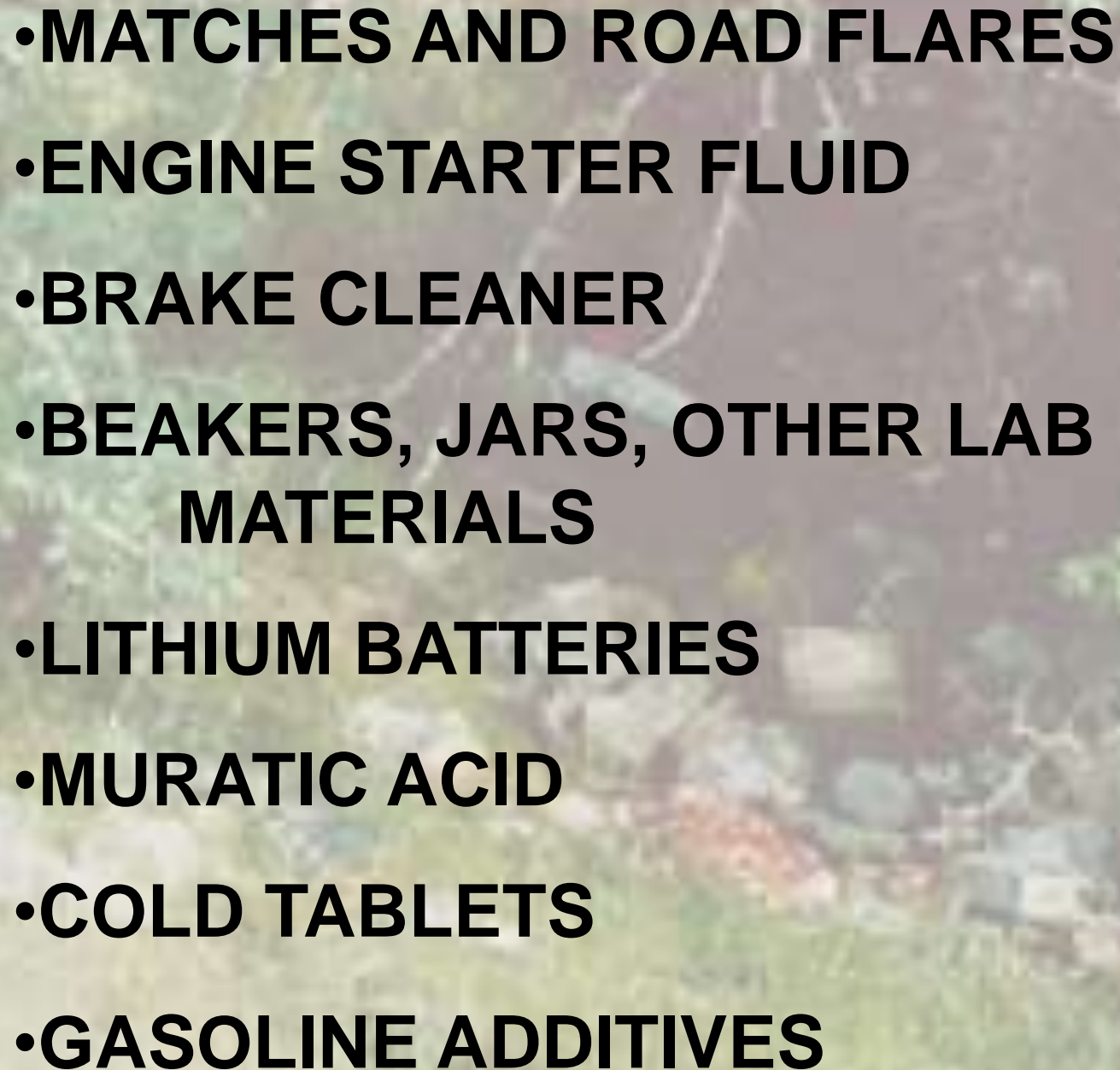
Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment Calendar Year 2006



Source: National Clandestine Laboratory Database
Total: 6,435

Dates: 01/01/2006 - 12/31/2006

Map last updated February 2007

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- MATCHES AND ROAD FLARES**
 - ENGINE STARTER FLUID**
 - BRAKE CLEANER**
 - BEAKERS, JARS, OTHER LAB MATERIALS**
 - LITHIUM BATTERIES**
 - MURATIC ACID**
 - COLD TABLETS**
 - GASOLINE ADDITIVES**

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USED TO STEAL ANHYDROUS AMMONIA





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